

# Washington State Elections Weekly

March 13, 2013



## Message from Director of Elections

This is the first of our new weekly email updates sent to all Auditors and election staff. Our goal is to provide you with essential information in one nice package. Pay particular attention to the items that require action. And, let us know what you think!

Don't hesitate to contact us. Click [here](#) for our updated directory.

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Director of Washington State Elections



## February Special Election

**Action item:** WEI counties should archive February results data. April becomes the current election on Friday. Thirty-three counties had a February election (100 measures in 84 districts totaling 1,226,369 registered voters). Two counties had candidates. Turnout averaged 38 percent.



## April Special Election

**Action item - Pre-Election Setup:** If you are having an April election, email [vrsupport](mailto:vrsupport) with the number of districts, number of measures, what district types, approximate number of voters. Let us know if another county is running the election for you.

### New SPI Reporting Form

The Superintendent of Public (SPI) Instruction is issuing a revised form for reporting School District election results. Auditors will now report the percentage of yes and no votes, rather than whether a measure passed or failed.



## Program Income

**Action item:** Your program income for federal fiscal year 2012 (10/1/11-9/30/12) is due by April 15, 2013. For a copy of your worksheet, contact [Lori Guerrero](#).



## VRDB

### New Duplicate Registration Checks

We're conducting additional checks for duplicate registrations. Details can be found [here](#). The March checks identified 1,336 potential duplicate registrations, which have been forwarded to counties for further examination.

### DIMS User Group Conference Call

The DIMS/VRDB user group conference call is this Thursday, 3/14 at 10:00 am. Agenda can be found [here](#).

### Deceased Check

The monthly [Deceased Check](#) is scheduled for Monday, 3/18.



## Accessibility

### Accessibility Grants

We've opened a 2013 Accessibility Grant Cycle. Click [here](#) for the criteria or contact [Lori Guerrero](#).

### Where Are Your Accessible Voting Units?

The Secretary of State's Disability Advisory Committee suggested AVU availability be more prominent on our website. We encourage you to list AVU addresses, dates, and times prior to an election, or email [Cristina Labra](mailto:Cristina.Labra) for assistance.



## Training

### Upcoming training schedule

Did you have difficulty meeting the minimum number of hours required to maintain your election administrator certification for 2013? This year, get ahead! There are already several opportunities to obtain [qualified training](#).

### Annual Elections Conference

The annual Washington State Elections Conference will take place June 12-14 at the Double Tree by Hilton, SeaTac. For hotel reservations, please call (206) 246-8600.

### Certification

Congratulations to the 153 Election Administrators and Assistant Election Administrators who have maintained certification for 2013! If you submitted an application for maintenance and have not received a confirmation letter, please [notify us](#).



## Voting Systems

[Dominion WinEDS4.0](#) has been certified. Counties may upgrade anytime.



## Survey Results of Ballot Drop Box Usage

Thank you for sharing your 2012 General Election ballot returns at your drop boxes. View the survey results [here](#).



## Secrecy Sleeves vs. Envelopes

Chelan and Franklin counties adopted ballot secrecy sleeves and report excellent results. They save money by re-using the sleeves, and cut processing time by 15-20 minutes per mail tray ([video](#)). You can find sleeve templates at the Design Center.



## Voters' Pamphlet Distribution List

We are updating our distribution list of public centers that receive large quantities of voters' pamphlets such as schools, rest homes, and libraries. If you receive inquiries, please contact Lindsay Pryor at (360) 902-4143 or [voterspamphlet@sos.wa.gov](mailto:voterspamphlet@sos.wa.gov).